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Application No.:	09/673,428	Group Art Unit:	1772
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Title:	SECURITY ELEMENT TO PREVENT COUNTERFEITING OF VALUE DOCUMENTS		

AMENDMENT

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TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Please amend the above-identified patent application as follows: